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From: Ross, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 8:16 AM
To: Scianni, Melissa; Brush, Jason
Subject: Save the Bay message on Cargill and USACE leaked memo

I presume you guys saw this, but just in case...

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Dear Brian,

San Francisco Bay's fragile shoreline is again at risk from development.

A leaked memo from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lawyers says the federal government should no longer apply Clean Water Act regulations to Cargill's Redwood City salt ponds. This is exactly what Cargill has been heavily lobbying for behind the scenes. Any day, that agency could act on the memo and breathe life into the company's reckless plan to pave over these Bay salt ponds.

[We can't let that happen. TAKE ACTION and tell the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect San Francisco Bay.](#)

Two years ago, Save The Bay exposed Cargill's goal of bullying federal agencies to declare the salt ponds in Redwood City exempt from the Clean Water Act and other protections. Now we know Cargill has managed to convince an Army lawyer to support reversing decades of federal protection for Bay salt ponds.

This dangerous re-interpretation of the Clean Water Act was created in secret, with no EPA participation, no approval from Congress, and no opportunity for public input. It's outrageous.

But the EPA can still preserve legal protection for the Bay's salt ponds. The agency has the authority to overrule the U.S. Army Corps and preserve Clean Water Act authority over Bay salt ponds.

[TAKE ACTION and tell the EPA to preserve federal protection for San Francisco Bay.](#)

Scientists agree that Cargill's salt ponds in Redwood City are one of the most important shoreline habitats on the Bay. Surrounded by the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, the ponds are a wintering and migratory spot for tens of thousands of shorebirds. What's more, some of the world's last remaining endangered western snowy plovers depend on these ponds as breeding grounds.

Redwood City salt ponds offer a rare opportunity to restore San Francisco Bay's tidal marshes, to benefit wildlife and the people of the Bay Area. We know it works because nearly-identical retired salt ponds near Vallejo were recently reconnected to the Bay, and wildlife is already flocking back. Redwood City's salt ponds can have the same future if the EPA preserves Clean Water Act protection.

U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy can ensure that the Clean Water Act continues to protect the Bay. Please TAKE ACTION today and tell her to do that.

Thank you for taking action,



David Lewis
Executive Director, Save The Bay

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